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Border Guard Regulations

1. The orders set forth below have been issued to the Border Guard by the Ministry of Interior and all border guard personnel are required to learn them. Order #128 was issued before 1953 and is still in effect. Orders #112, #113, #118, and #120 were issued early in 1953.
2. Order #112 concerning the control of civilians in border zones includes the following:
  - a. Interrogate and check documents of all civilians moving about or working in border areas;
  - b. Arrest every civilian found to be carrying no documents, regardless of the reason he gives for having none;
  - c. Arrest every person entering the border districts by means other than public transportation even though his documents are in order;
  - d. Arrest every person traveling little frequented roads without checking his documents even if he is a resident of the border area; and
  - e. Take down the full name, address and occupation of every person checked.
3. Order #113 concerning movements of border guard personnel in the border area includes the following:
  - a. Privates must walk in groups of at least two;

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- b. Each officer must be accompanied by two privates acting as guards;
  - c. Groups of more than two officers should have one corporal accompanying each officer;
  - d. In the daytime, privates should walk at 100-meter intervals and at night, close enough together to communicate with each other;
  - e. The following formation should be used for groups of two or more officers moving with escorts: the first officer should be accompanied by two corporals 5 feet on either side of him; the second officer, accompanied by his two corporal guards 5 feet on either side of him, should walk 100 meters behind the first officer; the third officer with his guards 100 meters behind the second, and so forth;
  - f. Border guard personnel may not walk about in groups (in which they are close together, presumably);
  - g. Any person not obeying this instruction should be arrested and fired upon if he attempts to escape; and
  - h. Only armed or unarmed Bulgarian agents may walk about in groups in the border area and they are to identify themselves with passwords or signals.
4. Order #118 concerning behavior of sentries is as follows:
- a. Sentries must follow the footpaths designated by the commanding officer;
  - b. Sentries are not permitted to go within 100 meters of the border on their own decision;
  - c. Sentries may go closer than 100 meters to the border only when pursuing escapees.
  - d. Sentries on duty in an inhabited locality may not speak to the inhabitants or enter their buildings;
  - e. Sentries must obey order on camouflage and walk in the prescribed fashion;
  - f. Sentries must follow prescribed footpaths and walk in a "regular" fashion; and
  - g. Any border guard disobeying this order will be arrested immediately.
5. Order #120 concerning punishments for border guards includes:
- a. Treason will be punished with death by shooting;
  - b. Disclosure of confidential information about the Border Guard will be punished by 6 to 15 years' imprisonment.
  - c. Failure to obey orders will be punished by 1 to 3 years' imprisonment; and
  - d. Dissemination of anti-regime propaganda will be punished by 3 to 6 years' imprisonment.
6. Order #128 concerning rules for opening fire is as follows:
- a. Fire may be opened without warning in the following cases:
    - (1) When a border guard is attacked by an armed person or persons;

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- (2) When the lives of other border guard soldiers are in danger or they are attacked;
  - (3) When border guards are attacked by enemy armed forces;
  - (4) When a person escaping across the border is within 100 to 200 meters from the border and it is impossible to overtake him;
  - (5) When a dog or pigeon is seen crossing the border either way; and
  - (6) When enemy planes are seen flying over the area.
- b. Fire may be opened after a warning in the following cases:
- (1) When anyone fails to obey the orders of a border patrol;
  - (2) When a person who has been arrested tries to escape while traveling under guard;
  - (3) When a person enters Bulgaria from the other side of the border with a load of hay or is found sleeping in the border area; and
  - (4) When a captured border-crosser attempts to defend himself or escape.

Border Guard Procedure

7. The Ministry of Interior has prescribed the following procedures to be used by the Border Guard on three different types of terrain: flat country, mountainous terrain and country where a stream forms the international border line.

Flat Country

- a. Daytime security (See Sketch 1, Appendix A, for a diagram showing the deployment of the patrols):
- (1) The area is to be guarded by one border observation team, one area reconnaissance team and ten secret teams;
  - (2) The area reconnaissance patrol is to patrol the 500-meter area nearest the border (border strip or Border Zone 3) from 0800 to 1200 hours to check for traces of footsteps on the 12-meter plowed strip;
  - (3) The border observation team is to be stationed at a prominent point just behind the 500-meter border strip from 0800 to 2000 hours; and
  - (4) The ten secret teams are to be stationed at regularly spaced intervals over the remainder of the two-kilometer zone nearest the border (or Border Zone 2), four in a straight line along the edge of the zone nearest the border strip and four in a line along the edge of the zone toward the interior of the country; the remaining two teams are to remain in the center of the zone, one on either side of zastava headquarters; the first shift of secret teams is on duty from 0400 to 1200 hours and the second from 1200 to 2000 hours.
- b. Nighttime security (see Sketch 2, Appendix A, for a diagram showing the deployment of the patrols):
- (1) The 500-meter border strip is not to be guarded at night, but 16 secret teams are to guard the 1500-meter border zone behind the border strip;

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- (2) The 16 secret teams are to be stationed at regularly spaced intervals, 6 in a straight line along the edge of the zone nearest the border strip and 6 in a straight line along the edge of the zone toward the interior; the remaining 4 teams are to remain in the center of the zone, two on either side of zastava headquarters; these teams are on duty from 2000 until 0400 hours.

Mountainous Terrain

- a. Daytime security (see Sketch 1, Appendix B, for a diagram showing the deployment of the patrols):

- (1) Only the border strip is to be guarded during the daytime, by four border patrols, who are to patrol the border strip, and by one observation team stationed at the rear of the strip;
- (2) The first shift of border patrols is to be on duty from 0600 to 1300 hours and the second from 1300 to 2000 hours; the observation team is on duty from 0800 to 2000 hours; and
- (3) At 1200 hours the patrols being relieved leave their stations and begin walking toward zastava headquarters and the new patrols leave zastava headquarters and start toward their posts so that for a period of up to an hour (at the posts farthest from zastava headquarters), the border is left unguarded.

- b. Nighttime security (see Sketch 2, Appendix B, for a diagram showing the deployment of the patrols):

- (1) The 1000-meter wide strip nearest the border is not to be guarded at night; two secret teams, two inland patrol teams, one area reconnaissance team and one security and public order patrol are to guard the four-kilometer wide strip beginning at zastava headquarters, which are usually about one kilometer from the border, and extending toward the interior; and
- (2) One inland patrol team is to be stationed on either side of zastava headquarters, the two secret teams are to be stationed about 500 meters farther inland and closer together than the inland patrol teams, the area reconnaissance patrol is to be stationed about 1000 meters to the rear of zastava headquarters and the security and public order patrol is to watch any roads to the rear.

Country with Stream as International Boundary

- a. Daytime security (see Sketch 1, Appendix C, for a diagram showing the deployment of patrols):

- (1) The 500-meter border strip is not to be guarded during the daytime, but 8 border patrols and 4 area reconnaissance teams are to guard the 1500-meter zone to the rear of the border strip;
- (2) Two area reconnaissance teams circle the area on either side of zastava headquarters, moving in opposite directions; inside the area covered by the circling of the area reconnaissance teams, eight border patrol teams (four in each "circle") move back and forth as shown;
- (3) The area reconnaissance teams are on duty between 0400 and 0800 hours and again between 1600 and 2000 hours while the border patrol teams are on duty between 1200 and 2000 hours. Between 0800 and 1200 hours, when both teams are resting at zastava headquarters, the area is covered by an observer with a telescope stationed near zastava headquarters; and

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- (4) The least protection is afforded between 0700 and 0800 hours, when the night security details have gone off duty and the area reconnaissance patrols have not yet begun patrolling, and between 1900 and 2000 hours when both the area reconnaissance and the border patrol teams are returning to zastava headquarters and the night security details have not yet gone on duty.
- b. Nighttime security (see Sketch 2, Appendix C, for a diagram showing the deployment of patrols):
- (1) Only the 500-meter border strip nearest the stream boundary is to be guarded at night, with the exception of the 2-kilometer wide section of the border immediately between zastava headquarters and the border; this corridor is used by the patrols in going to and from their posts;
  - (2) Four border observation teams take up posts along the edge of the river, four secret teams are in a straight line a few hundred meters inland, and two border patrol teams guard the section farthest inland;
  - (3) The observation and secret teams are on duty from 2000 until 0400 hours and the border patrol teams from 2400 to 0800 hours; and
  - (4) There is a break in protection of the border between 0300 and 0400 hours while the day and night security details are changing watches; the corridor in front of zastava headquarters is unguarded for the period before and after midnight when no guards are going to or from their posts.

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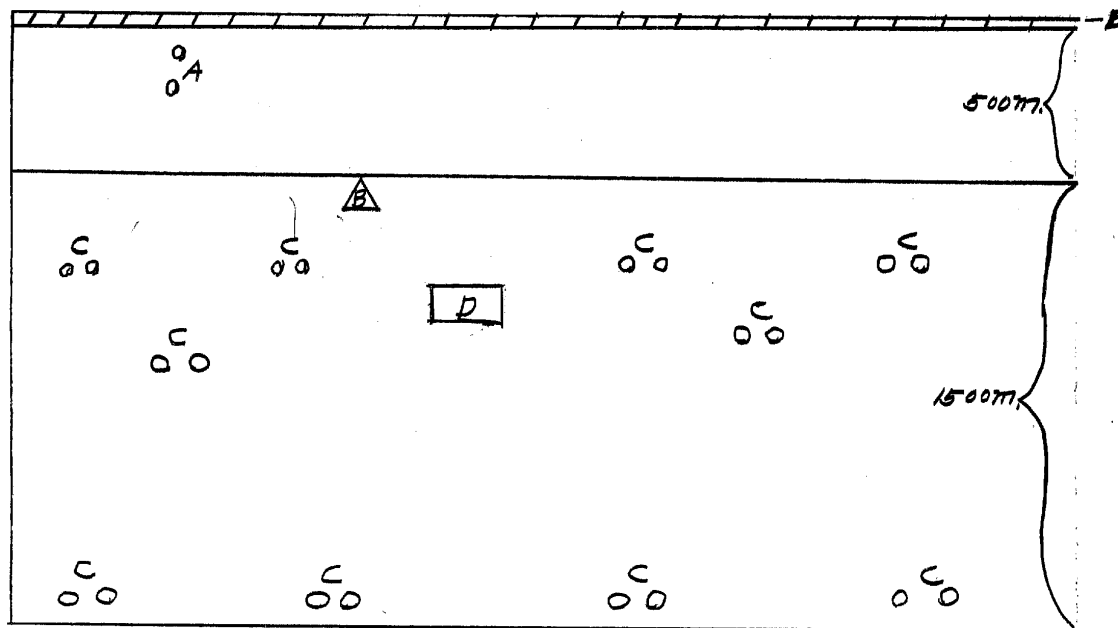
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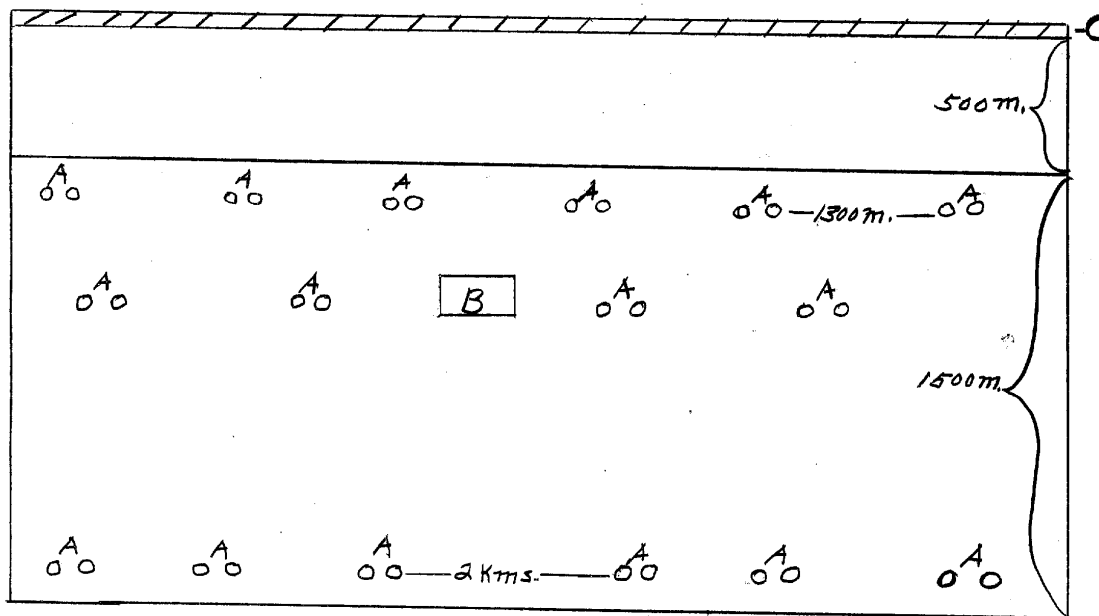
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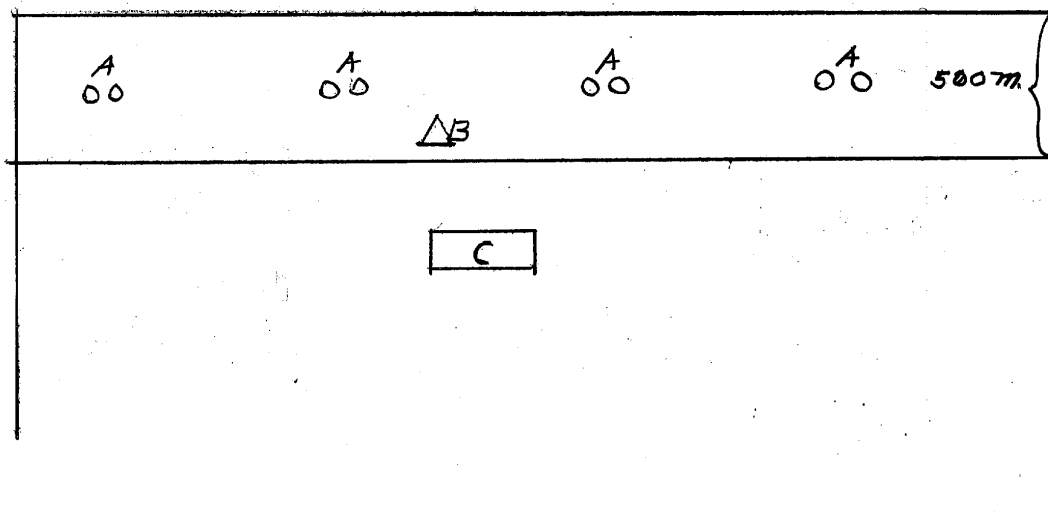
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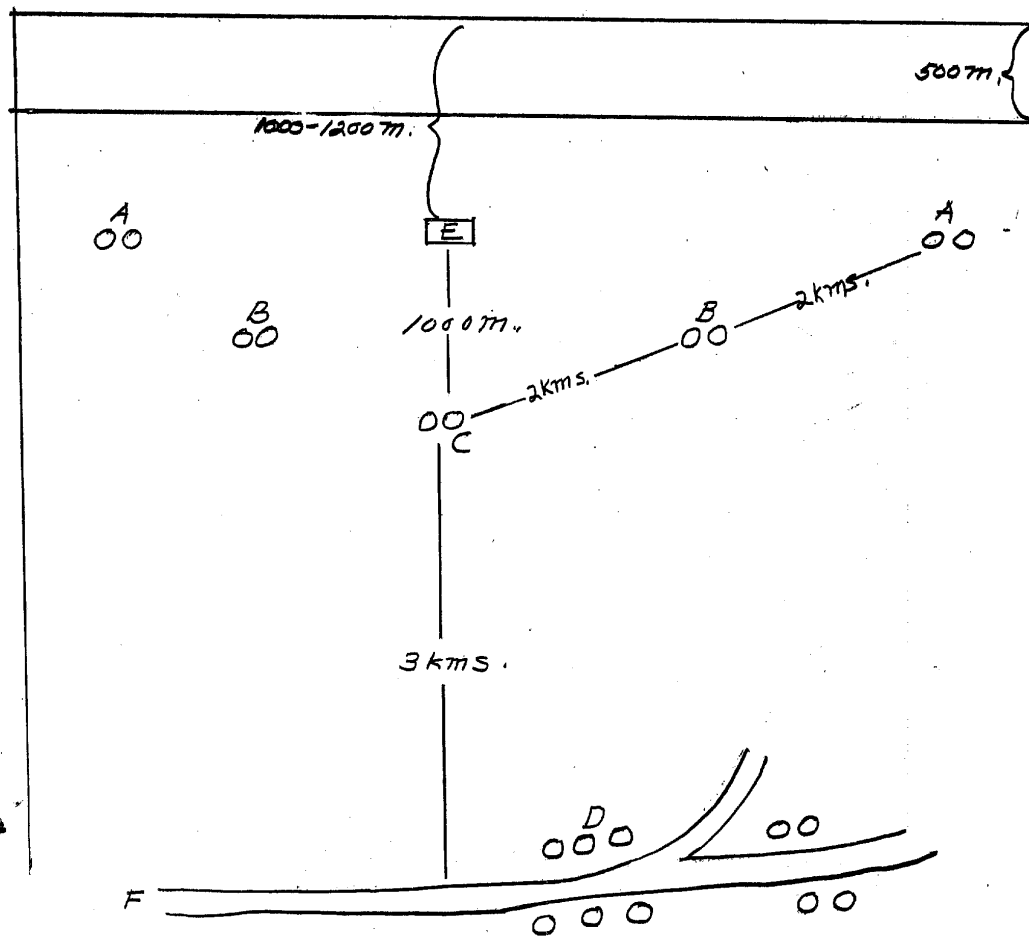
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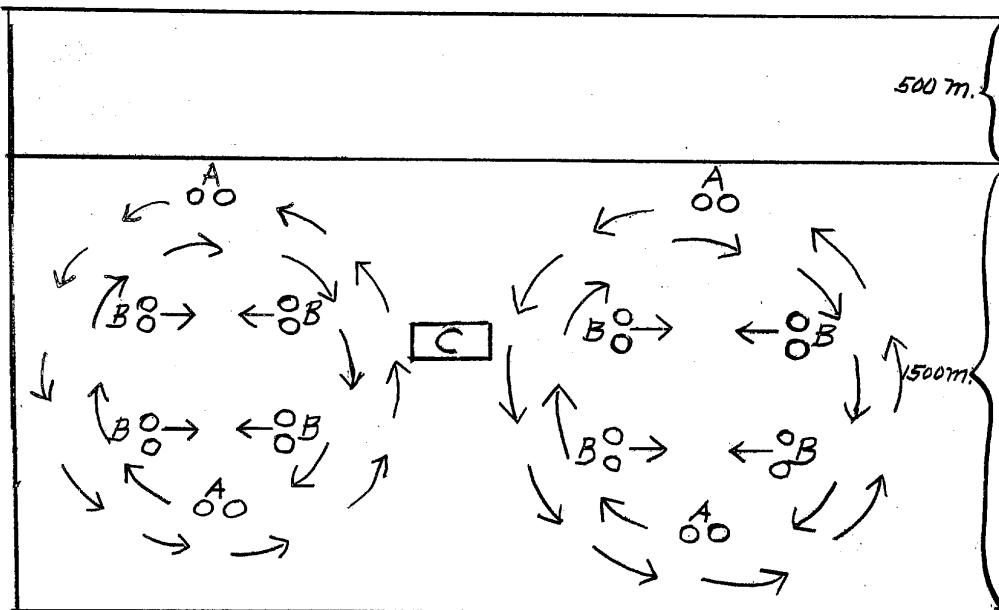
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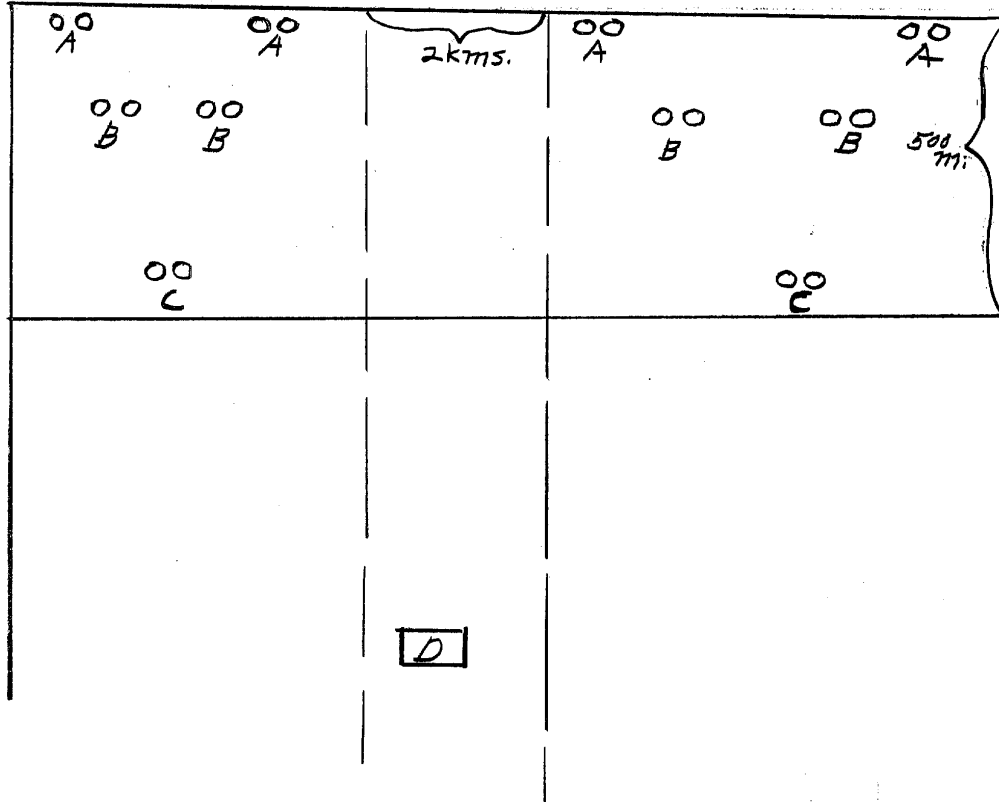
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